

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/880,145

Attorney Docket No.: Q64797

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were withdrawn as a non-elected group in Paper No. 7 and are herein cancelled. Claim 4 was previously cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 are allowed, and claim 7 is herein added. Accordingly, claims 3 and 7 are presently pending in the application. The Examiner is thanked for noting the allowable subject matter of the invention.

I. Rejection of Claim 3 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

This rejection is respectfully traversed, as follows.

Applicant amends herein to correct for the lack of antecedent basis for "the edges of each spring[.]" as well as for "the pleated side strips[.]" as shown in the attached Listing of Claims.

In light of the previous, the above-noted § 112 rejection is obviated. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Additionally, claim 7 is averred to be patentable at least by virtue of its dependency upon claim 3.

II. Conclusion

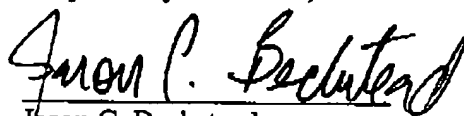
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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